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**In the Specification:**

Please amend the specification of the application as follows:

Please insert a new paragraph at the beginning of the application as follows:

[001] This application is a division of pending prior application U.S. Serial No. 09/770,021, filed on January 25, 2001, which is a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 08/329,134, filed on October 25, 1994, now U.S. Patent No. 6,209,622, which claims priority from Canadian Application Serial No. 2,134,168, filed October 24, 1994 of Frederic Lagace, et al.

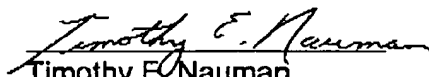
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Applicants await further action by the Examiner on the merits of claims 35-50.

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